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LEGISLATIVE BILL 177

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to professional licensing; to amend sections
- 2 71-1,356 and 71-1,358, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2004;
- 3 to change provisions relating to alcohol and drug
- 4 counselors; and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-1,356, Revised Statutes
2 Supplement, 2004, is amended to read:

3 71-1,356. (1)(a) The practical training supervisor for
4 supervised practical training required under section 71-1,355 shall
5 hold one of the following credentials:

6 (i) Licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor;

7 (ii) A reciprocity level alcohol and drug counselor
8 credential issued by a member jurisdiction of the International
9 Certification and Reciprocity Consortium, Alcohol and Other Drug
10 Abuse, Inc. or its successor; or

11 (iii) Licensure as a physician or psychologist under the
12 Uniform Licensing Law, or an equivalent credential from another
13 jurisdiction. ~~and specialized training in alcohol and drug~~
14 ~~counseling and the twelve core functions sufficient to protect the~~
15 ~~public.~~

16 (b) The practical training supervisor shall not be a
17 family member.

18 (c) The credential requirement of this subsection applies
19 to the work setting supervisor and not to a practicum coordinator
20 or instructor of a postsecondary educational institution.

21 (2) The practical training supervisor shall assume
22 responsibility for the performance of the individual in training
23 and shall be onsite at the work setting when core function
24 activities are performed by the individual in training. A minimum
25 of one hour of evaluative face-to-face supervision for each ten
26 hours of core function performance shall be documented.
27 Supervisory methods shall include, as a minimum, individual
28 supervisory sessions, formal case staffings, and conjoint,

1 cotherapy sessions. Supervision shall be directed towards teaching
2 the knowledge and skills of professional alcohol and drug
3 counseling.

4 Sec. 2. Section 71-1,358, Revised Statutes Supplement,
5 2004, is amended to read:

6 71-1,358. (1) (a) The clinical supervisor for supervised
7 clinical work experience under section 71-1,357 shall hold one of
8 the following credentials:

9 (i) Licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor;

10 (ii) A reciprocity level alcohol and drug counselor
11 credential issued by a member jurisdiction of the International
12 Certification and Reciprocity Consortium, Alcohol and Other Drug
13 Abuse, Inc. or its successor;

14 (iii) The highest level alcohol and drug counselor
15 credential issued by a jurisdiction that is not a member of the
16 International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium, Alcohol and
17 Other Drug Abuse, Inc. or its successor if the credential is based
18 on education, experience, and examination that is substantially
19 similar to the license issued in this state as determined by the
20 board; or

21 (iv) Licensure as a physician or psychologist under the
22 Uniform Licensing Law, or an equivalent credential from another
23 jurisdiction, ~~and specialized training in alcohol and drug~~
24 ~~counseling and the twelve core functions sufficient to protect the~~
25 ~~public.~~

26 (b) The clinical supervisor shall be formally affiliated
27 with the program or agency in which the work experience is gained.

28 (c) The clinical supervisor shall not be a family member.

1 (2) There shall be one hour of evaluative face-to-face
2 clinical supervision for each forty hours of paid alcohol and drug
3 counseling work experience. The format for supervision shall be
4 either one-on-one or small group. Methods of supervision may
5 include case review and discussion or direct observation of a
6 counselor's clinical work.

7 Sec. 3. Original sections 71-1,356 and 71-1,358, Revised
8 Statutes Supplement, 2004, are repealed.